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THE WESTBOUND 91 RISES TO THE OCCASION AND ELIMINATES AN ONRAMP

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct the long awaited traffic switch on the westbound 91 freeway on Saturday, June 2, 2007. At approximately 7:00 AM traffic will be placed on the newly finished freeway lanes that presently parallel the existing westbound 91.

The switch will allow for the final stage of elevating the present westbound 91 freeway to meet with the newly finished freeway as well as for the future connection to the flyover ramp. In conjunction with the traffic switch, the Mulberry onramp will be closed permanently. Motorists will need to access the westbound 91 by using the University on ramp. The closure of the Mulberry onramp is necessary to complete critical drainage and retaining wall work in the area. The new Spruce Street on ramp will be available to motorists in approximately one month.

Caltrans wants to thank RCTC and CHP for their support with deploying Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) tow trucks in various construction areas to remove disabled vehicles from the 60/91/215 work zone, reducing the congestion for everyone.

Caltrans also would like to thank motorists for their continued patience and support during the 60/91/215 improvement project. Caltrans asks that motorists please be aware of the construction area and always make a point to **SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE**.

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